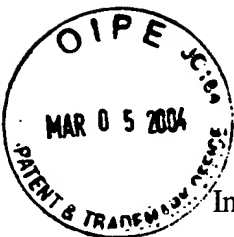


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
Yoshiaki TOMOMATSU) Examiner: B. Choobin
Appln. No.: 09/769,467) Group Art Unit: 2625
Filed: January 26, 2001)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM) March 5, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights to which he is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese priority applications:

2000-021434, filed January 31, 2000;

2000-021430, filed January 31, 2000; and

2000-021429, filed January 31, 2000.

Certified copies of the priority documents were filed July 17, 2001, and have been acknowledged by the Examiner.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

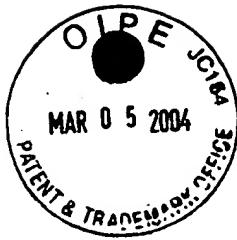
Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	46	MINUS	46	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	11	MINUS	9	= 2	x \$43 \$86	\$172.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$135°/\$280						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$172.00

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☒ A check in the amount of \$172.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

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